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## Small Grain Harvest Nears Completion

### Agricultural Summary

Small grain harvest is nearing completion as reports indicated spring wheat at 94 percent complete and barley at 89 percent complete. Above normal temperatures this first week of September made for excellent harvest conditions. Scattered rain showers slowed some field work this past week in areas of Southcentral and Eastern Idaho. For the week ending September 7, major agricultural activities included irrigating, caring for livestock, harvesting small grains, hay, prunes, plums, peaches, apples, dry peas, dry beans, lentils, potatoes, corn for silage, onions and winter wheat seeding.

### Field Crop Report

Harvest is winding down for many crops across the state. The second cutting of alfalfa hay is nearly complete at 98 percent harvested, while the third cutting is over half harvested and the fourth cutting has progressed to over one fourth complete. Dry pea and lentil harvest has wrapped up, well ahead of last year and the five year average. Harvest continues to progress ahead of last year and the five year average for the states fruit crops with the exception of apples.

### Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

County Extension Educators reported topsoil moisture to be 30% very short, 46% short, and 24% adequate. Statewide, Idaho farmers had an average of 6.70 days suitable for fieldwork during the past week.

### Crop Progress Table

Percentages	2003	2002	Avg.
Oats Harvested for Grain	88	57	69
Dry Peas Harvested	100	84	93
Lentils Harvested	100	90	91
Dry Beans Harvested	41	45	27
Peaches Harvested	90	42	61
Plums & Prunes Harvested	80	36	44
Apples Harvested	7	4	10
Potatoes Vines Dying/Killed	61	43	39
Field Corn Harvested for Silage	10	4	9
Onions Harvested	38	26	20

### Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Ranchers have started to bring cattle down from ranges in Eastern areas. Range and pasture condition continues to further decline as the majority was reported to be fair.

### Condition Table

Percentages	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Potatoes	0	2	21	64	13
Irr. Water Supply	16	20	39	24	1
Range & Pasture	7	37	49	7	0

### Crop Progress District Table

Crop	North			Southwest			Southcentral			East			State		
	2003	2002	Avg	2003	2002	Avg	2003	2002	Avg	2003	2002	Avg	2003	2002	Avg
Winter Wheat															
Planted . . . . .	0	0	1	4	6	2	0	9	5	8	7	7	3	4	4
Spring Wheat															
Harvested . . . . .	98	85	84	100	100	100	100	98	97	91	91	84	94	91	87
Barley															
Harvested . . . . .	99	87	86	100	100	100	99	97	98	82	89	80	89	90	86
Potatoes															
Harvested. . . . .	NA	NA	NA	50	47	24	9	21	14	2	2	3	7	11	8
Alfalfa Hay															
2 <sup>nd</sup> Cutting Harvested .	92	98	98	100	100	100	100	100	100	96	100	99	98	100	99
Alfalfa Hay															
3 <sup>rd</sup> Cutting Harvested. .	NA	NA	NA	100	97	92	82	87	84	30	19	36	65	62	63

Avg (1998-2002); NA = Very Small Percentage of Acreage in District.

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## Weather Data For The Week Ending Sunday, September 7, 2003 <sup>1/</sup>

Station	Temperature <sup>2/</sup>				Growing Degree Days <sup>4/</sup>			Precipitation (Inches)				
	High	Low	Ave.	Dept. <sup>3/</sup>	40 Base	50 Base		Total	Dept <sup>3/</sup>	Month of September	March 1	
						To Date	Normal				To Date	Normal
<b>North</b>												
Coeur D'Alene	93	50	72	8	3534	2026	1649	0.00	-0.05	0.00	6.72	12.62
Grangeville 5/	87	53	--	--	3339	1905	1342	0.00	-0.43	0.00	12.97	14.01
Lewiston	100	57	77	9	4478	2797	2411	0.25	0.06	0.25	7.46	6.38
Sand Point	93	45	68	8	3302	1853	1351	0.00	-0.38	0.00	12.66	13.02
<b>Southwest</b>												
Boise	96	61	78	11	4655	3004	2290	0.00	-0.15	0.00	5.21	5.36
Caldwell	93	52	73	6	4531	2853	2574	0.00	-0.13	0.00	2.24	4.48
Emmett 5/	92	59	--	--	4499	2861	2284	0.00	-0.15	0.00	5.57	5.20
Mountain Home	93	59	74	8	4480	2893	2269	0.00	-0.11	0.00	4.75	4.44
Parma	96	53	74	9	4576	2885	2176	0.00	-0.12	0.00	4.33	4.95
Weiser 5/	94	55	--	--	4723	3013	2211	0.00	-0.09	0.00	5.06	4.50
<b>Southcentral</b>												
Buhl 5/	--	--	--	--	3964	2391	1881	0.00	-0.15	0.00	2.64	4.63
Burley	90	50	69	6	3642	2161	1794	0.05	-0.09	0.05	6.23	4.85
Hill City	87	43	66	7	2954	1664	1229	0.00	-0.13	0.00	5.03	5.28
Hagerman 5/	--	--	--	--	4542	2865	2400	0.00	-0.10	0.00	2.38	4.27
Malta 5/	91	52	--	--	3889	2348	1673	0.19	0.02	0.19	4.85	5.52
Twin Falls	91	52	70	7	3747	2262	1702	0.56	0.42	0.56	9.53	4.91
<b>East</b>												
Aberdeen 5/	89	42	--	--	3345	1971	1496	0.00	-0.17	0.00	2.94	5.07
Grace 5/	87	42	--	--	3341	1996	1309	0.00	-0.30	0.00	6.07	8.63
Idaho Falls	89	42	65	3	3288	1886	1585	0.07	-0.13	0.07	3.52	5.95
Malad City	92	43	65	2	3618	2160	1707	0.00	-0.24	0.00	4.17	7.91
Pocatello	91	46	68	4	3678	2240	1792	0.05	-0.13	0.05	3.72	6.35
Rexburg	88	44	65	4	3322	1912	1464	0.02	-0.17	0.02	3.87	7.49
Salmon	88	45	67	7	3452	2006	1587	0.00	-0.18	0.00	0.63	6.21

1/ Weekly summary provided by the Western Regional Climate Center with data reported by the National Weather Service. When data is quality controlled by the National Climate Center the accumulated growing degree days and precipitation values are updated. 2/-- indicate missing or incomplete data. 3/ Weekly departure from normal. 4/ Totals from March 1. Growing degree days are estimated from neighboring sites for stations with missing or incomplete data. 5/ Precipitation totals are only for days reports were received, no estimates were made for missing data.

## Daily High/Low Four Inch Soil Temperatures

Station	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday		Sunday		Average <sup>1/</sup>	
	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low
Emmett	89	77	85	77	88	76	88	78	--	--	90	78	--	--	88	77
Parma	71	70	71	70	70	69	70	70	70	69	--	--	--	--	70	70
Sandpoint	75	65	76	65	72	64	72	65	77	66	--	--	--	--	74	65
Twin Falls	76	61	74	62	79	62	79	63	78	66	77	64	--	--	77	63

1/ Averages are only for days reports were received. -- Missing or Incomplete Data.